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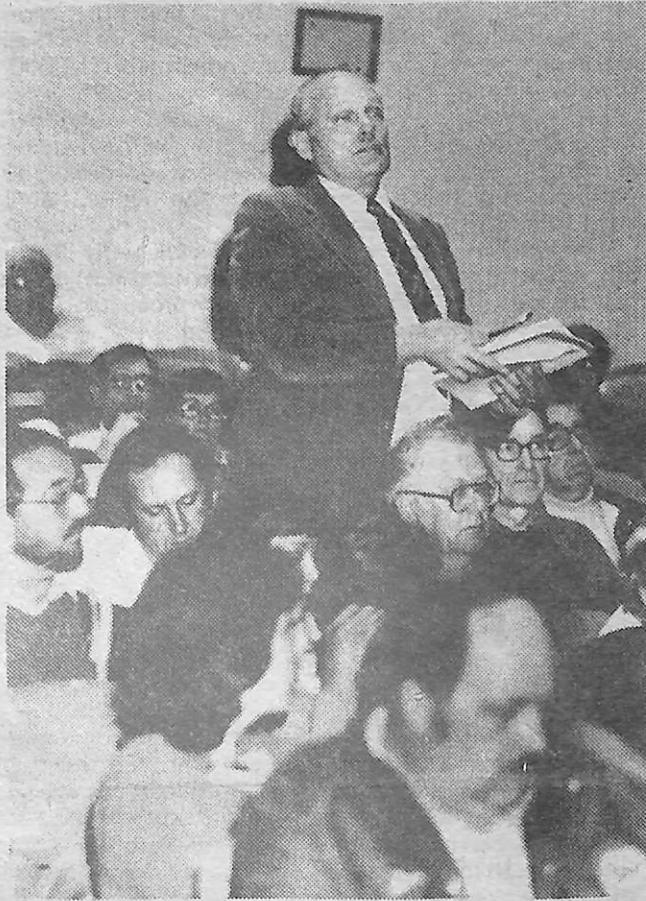
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IN A NOW CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE, Council on Aging Chairman Arthur Redfern requests a hike in the seniors' budget at last week's annual town meeting. SEE RELATED STORY ON PAGE 2. Photo by John Loftus.

Town Meeting Approves Budget Of \$5.4 Million

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: After a two-night Annual Town Meeting, voters approved a \$5,405,536.95 total budget for fiscal 1984. The sum includes the \$3.4 million School Department expenditures.

About 300 residents were present last Tuesday, while only 169 attended the Wednesday session when the final vote was taken.

Most department budgets were passed with little objection to Finance Committee recommendations. The total budget will add \$2.30 to the current tax rate, making the new rate \$26.60 per \$1,000. The total tax picture includes \$263,841 surplus revenue transfer used to determine the present rate.

Controversy Over Council On Aging Budget

One of the most controversial budgets of the meeting was that of the Council on Aging as amended by COA Chairman Arthur Redfern. Redfern amended the \$6,095 recommendation of the Finance Committee to \$10,000 saying his department "could not function on less."

Finance Committee Chairman Norman Storey reminded voters that any increase should be accompanied by a proposed decrease in another area.

After highly emotional discussions and amendments to amendments, a final decision gave the COA a \$1,000 increase, making their total budget \$7,095 plus the assurance of the Finance Committee that funds will be taken from the surplus revenue account if it is necessary to pay further rent at the senior citizens' present building. The \$3,600 rental fee was removed from the budget because the town hopes to have the seniors moved into the former Consolidated School building by June.

The extra \$1,000 added to the seniors' budget came from an amended budget for the dog officer. Because the town is instituting a new method of payment for

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Phelps Rd. Lots Again Delayed By Zoning Comm. Board Of Ed. Will Help Budget Awareness

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Development of a 10-lot subdivision on Phelps Road was again delayed Monday night as the Zoning and Planning Commission (ZPC) voted to hold construction until the town makes a concrete financial agreement with the developer.

At its December 13th meeting, the ZPC unanimously approved a detailed drainage plan designed by engineer David Marnicki for the proposed subdivision. Since the area has had severe drainage problems for some time, a complex drainage system is required of the builder, R.W. Miller General Contracting Co., Inc.

This system is expected to cost approximately \$11,000 per home which will be paid in part by the developer and the town. However, First Selectman Ronald Birmingham and Town Engineer A. Richard Lombardi have not yet designed the town's portion of the drainage plan.

Birmingham said today that it was originally thought that the town's highway crew would be used to do part of the work, but he has since learned that the magnitude of the project requires hiring subcontractors.

This process must be put out to bid and the bid selected by the town must be approved by town meeting.

The cost for materials, such as pipe and catch basins, is estimated at \$22,000 - \$25,000, according to Birmingham. The town must pay this and labor costs to fulfill its part of the agreement with the developer.

Attorney John Wyzik, represent Miller Contracting, noted at Monday's meeting that the ZPC has already approved the engineering plan and therefore the subdivision has been approved.

He added that he feels the project has been delayed too long and that the developer has been more than cooperative with the town.

ZPC member Keith Morrison replied, "It is our responsibility not to let the project go forward until the

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Ames Dept. Store Celebrates 25th Birthday



ATTENDING A CAKE-CUTTING CEREMONY AT AMES DEPT. STORE in Southwick to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Ames chain and the one-year birthday of the Southwick location are, from left - Bonnie Nadeau, store clerk; Russell Fox, chairman of Southwick Board of Selectmen; Vivian Brown, selectwoman; Jackie Walter, store clerk; and Juliette Moran, store clerk. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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dog officers, voters felt the recommended \$8,000 was more than necessary. Under the new system, the dog officer will be paid directly by the town treasurer, and all fees and fines will be paid to the treasurer for the general fund.

Senior citizen supporters also tried to gain another \$2,000 from the street lighting account. Street lighting has also been a controversial subject here for the past few years since selectmen began turning off lights in an effort to save money.

Several in attendance voiced opinions that lighting was necessary for the safety of residents, and the amendment to reduce the budget was defeated 73-66, leaving \$33,800 in that account as recommended by both selectmen and Finance Committee.

Funding For Capital Projects Approved

Residents also spent \$182,439 for proposed capital projects for the 1983-84 fiscal year. The town plans to purchase a criminal justice information system and computerized breathalyzer for the Police Department. The usual annual purchase of two cruisers was also approved.

In order to update its equipment, the Fire Department asked for ambulance equipment, hose, radios, and a cascade system.

The town also approved purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department. The proposal includes a plow frame, full front plow, wing attachment, and full hydraulics.

The Water Department will finish paying for its backhoe and also purchase a new 3/4-ton pickup truck and plow. According to officials, the proposed Water Department truck will be ordered to Fire Department specifications so that department can use it in the future.

Voters also approved \$37,899 for School Department capital spending which includes purchase of a 65-passenger bus and several items for high school

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classes.

School Budget Passes With Little Opposition

The \$3,482,717.34 school budget passed with little opposition. The total amount represents a 6% increase over that of last year, even though three teaching positions were eliminated.

The largest percentage increase, 32%, in the school spending comes under the special needs accounts. Special needs programs are state-mandated and, according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Louis Josselyn, all Massachusetts towns are having the same fiscal problems in this area.

"This state is attractive to parents of handicapped children because of the special needs programs, but we need more state financial support for them," Josselyn commented, noting that all programs are locally funded.

School officials explained that they will be saving money by instituting a pre-school program for special needs students. The new program is estimated to cost \$33,230 plus materials. To send the present twelve preschoolers out-of-district would cost over \$75,000, according to School Committee Chairperson Sheila Larkin.

Selectmen questioned the School Department's payment of more than \$30,000 in retirement benefits this year. According to officials, one administrator will be receiving more than \$13,000 in early retirement incentive and severance pay. Other retiring personnel will be receiving from \$4,000 to over \$7,000 each on retirement this year.

Selectman Alan Ferrigno questioned this new early retirement incentive policy charging it as "a form of double dipping." All school personnel also participate in the county retirement plan, according to Ferrigno, and most qualify for severance pay.

Mrs. Larkin explained that with the early retirement of experienced personnel, the department would save money hiring teachers on a lower pay scale. The department also desires an influx of growth within the system as provided by hiring younger teachers, according to Josselyn.

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Protest Letter Filed With Bellotti's Office Over Town Meeting

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: According to a letter filed this week with Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti's office, incorrect procedures were used or permitted by moderator Roland Weeks at the Annual Town Meeting which, in effect, have granted the Council on Aging an additional \$10,000 over that voted by residents.

According to Attorney Theodore Dernago, acting as a "true friend of the senior citizens," the original amounts of \$500 and \$5,595 (items 43 and 44), were amended to \$2,000 and \$8,000, respectively. This was then amended to \$500 and \$6,595 and voted down. Dernago says that voters then approved the first amendment for \$10,000.

The letter, dated April 21st states that a motion was made to change the \$10,000 amount to \$7,095, plus rent. This motion was approved by the floor but, according to the local attorney, this motion did not include an amendment to the original amendment for \$10,000, thereby granting the Council on Aging \$17,095.

Dernago also took issue with the procedure of allowing a speaker to "move the question" without being separately recognized for this purpose, according to parliamentary procedure, charging the act as "contrary to all forms of democracy."

The letter asks consideration of this allegedly illegal procedure by the AG's office. Dernago notes that if this action does not violate parliamentary procedure, then both the \$10,000 and \$7,095 are valid.

If, however, the action was in violation, then the \$10,000 figure should prevail, he said.

Dernago, now Planning Board chairman, said he is acting as a citizen and not as a town official, in this case. He said it is his intent "that the true vote of the people prevail in this matter."

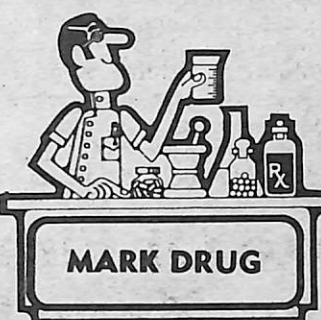
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town makes a firm agreement.

Board members expressed concern that if the developer is allowed to begin construction and the town does not meet its share of the accord, the drainage system may not be properly completed. This would cause further drainage problems for residents of Phelps Road.

Resident Mark Sinnott of 3344 Phelps Road told the board the flow of water in the area is drastic at the present time. He noted he is in danger of losing his garage.

In addition, Sinnott said he feels the figure given by Lombardi of 2 percent for the total increase in water flow caused by additional homes on Phelps Road is unrealistic. A more accurate estimate, says Sinnott, would be 50 or 75 percent.



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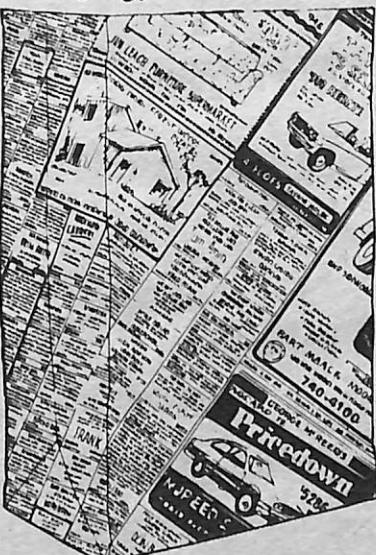
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Birmingham's Aides Help With Workload

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: The position of First Selectman is no longer a part-time job, according to Ron Birmingham, who has found a way to delegate some of his responsibilities and, at the same time, give two capable volunteers a firsthand look into the workings of town government.

Administrative assistants to Birmingham are Ron Rookey, 25, of East Street and Glenda White, 33, of Mountain Road.

Birmingham explained that he received some criticism from people in town because he appointed both a Democrat and a Republican as his assistants. However, he stressed that Suffield is a two-party system town, and he wanted to make perfectly clear that the office of First Selectman is not a partisan operation.

"This throws the doors of the office wide open with nothing to hide," Birmingham remarked.

He also noted that being an assistant to the selectman is great experience for someone interested in politics. Birmingham explained that he makes a list of projects which he has not been able to attend to simply because of lack of time. His assistants then choose assignments which interest them from the list and thereby eliminate a great deal of the overload.

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Rookey, a Suffield Democrat, stated that he is beginning to work with the Historical Society to get Suffield involved in Windsor's 350th anniversary celebration scheduled for September 18th. He explained that 15 surrounding towns will be coordinating activities in conjunction with Windsor's events.

Rookey indicated he also plans to learn the process for applying for grants.

Possessing a political background, Rookey stated that he wanted this position because he is interested in town issues and has a desire to get involved in things he is concerned about. Farmland and economic growth are two concerns he has in particular.

He is a May, 1982, graduate of Eastern Connecticut State College, where he majored in public policy and government. While at school, he served an internship as a research assistant for the New England Congressional Caucus in Washington, D.C. Rookey said he researched and wrote about export trade legislation and gave recommendations to congressmen.

As an independent study, he worked with the Connecticut Public Interest Research Group (ConnPIRG). He explained that this political experience included lobbying for the truth-testing bill, which would enable students to see their Scholastic Aptitude Test results.

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Also having experience in politics, Glenda White has lived in Suffield four years and has a full-time job as an office manager. She holds an associate's degree in business and is working toward her bachelor's in business at Westfield State College.

Mrs. White was on the Republican Women's Club in Granby before moving to town, and her husband was also involved in Granby politics. She is currently on the Lakes Committee organized by Southwick and Suffield to clean up the Congamond Lakes.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AIDS Ron Rookey and Glenda White divide assignments for the coming week at Suffield Town Hall. Photo by John Loftus.

Mrs. White wanted the administrative assistant post partially because of her interest in the lakes issue and the Babb's Beach area. She would like to get an overall view of the town of Suffield and then become more active in issues.

She is enjoying her position because she is meeting more people than she had previously and has learned about underlying political problems in town.

A project currently occupying her time is that of developing a booklet of guidelines for people in town who wish to build a house. She explained that many people don't know what to expect when they appear before zoning boards in town.

Mrs. White said she will discuss guidelines with the building inspector, Conservation Commission, and Zoning and Planning Commission to obtain basic information to be included in the booklet for those who need it.

She is also cooperating with the Jaycees in updating a booklet written previously entitled "All About Suffield." This newcomers' guide will contain information on the town's history, government, court system, voting procedures, clubs, organizations, and other subjects, according to Mrs. White. It is scheduled for completion around Oktoberfest time.

The two administrative assistants will also be attending some board and commission meetings as representatives of the First Selectman. Birmingham hopes they can keep him informed and allow him more time to concentrate on other issues important to the town.

He pointed out that he feels economic development is crucial to the future of Suffield and plans to spend time on this issue. Birmingham stressed that the development of businesses in town will ease the tax burden on citizens and also create new jobs for residents who must now travel to Hartford to work.

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Town Meeting Okays \$47,000 For Lakes; 3-Year Project

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: At a special town meeting last Tuesday, 269 residents unanimously approved the town's appropriation of \$47,000 for a three-year lake cleanup project. The remaining half of the \$94,000 proposal will be paid through a state Clean Lakes Grant.

Voters also approved a related article allowing the town to enter into an agreement with Suffield concerning watershed management and in-lake restoration techniques.

As explained by Lakes Restoration Committee Chairman John Scully, the project involves purchase of a weed harvester to remove about 600 pounds of algae growth annually from the three ponds. The project also involves deep water alum treatment, effectively sealing the lake bottom to prevent further phosphate contamination. Alum is a safe chemical for water treatment and approved by the state, said Scully.

Scully told voters this project was not only benefitting lake residents but the whole town because North Pond waters drain directly into the aquifer, the main source of local drinking water.

Both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission approved the project. Albert Spillane, speaking for a citizens' group to protect the aquifer, also said his group favored the proposal. The Finance Committee recommended the appropriation.

Voters were assured of Suffield's cooperation in the project. Although the town cannot commit actual funds, Scully said, Suffield selectmen have made their highway department available, especially for carting away weeds.

Suffield's paid consulting engineer, Dr. Robert Kortmann, will also be available to Southwick when necessary. Scully said Suffield is now involved in a citizens' awareness project designed by Dr. Kortmann which will be implemented here. He added that a Suffield selectman would also be appointed to the Lakes Restoration Committee.

In his closing statements, Scully explained that breaking down the cost of the project, each resident would be paying about \$2 annually for three years to restore the water quality.

"The Creator gave us this valuable resource, and I don't want to stand in front of my creator and admit I did not have the guts to spend \$2 to save it."

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Voters also unanimously approved the appropriation and transfer of \$79,918.68 from surplus revenue to the School Department's operations account to cover a deficit.

According to school officials, much of the funds are necessary for unanticipated increases in the number of special needs students who entered the system after the 1983 budget was approved. The remaining funds will cover increased fuel cost due primarily to higher utility rates over the year.

The department had anticipated a savings in the fuel accounts because of energy management proposals which have not yet been realized. Original estimates had the deficit as high as \$129,000.

Voters also approved transfer of \$10,080.32 from the summer teachers' salary account to the school operation account; transfer of \$2,500 from the highway winter road account to the road machinery account; and \$100 from the conservation salary account to the conservation operation account.

Fewer than 300 residents attended the special meeting held prior to the annual town meeting.

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Try not to worry. There is no one "right" attitude toward death and grief. Besides, many people are as confused and ambivalent about it as you may be. In fact, it would not be amiss to share your concerns. It might even open the door for family members to express their own doubts and feelings.

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With the Prime Fixed Rate Mortgage, a home buyer isn't tied to a higher mortgage rate during the first year of the mortgage. If the bank's interest rates head down, the home buyer may exercise the option to refinance the mortgage for the cost of just one point of the original mortgage. Standard closing costs such as attorney, appraisal, application and credit reporting fees have been eliminated with the new plan.

Home Mortgage Corporation of America and Suffield Mortgage Corporation were incorporated to extend the scope of Suffield Savings Bank's market area by originating construction and permanent loans on residential real estate. While each subsidiary's investment area will primarily concern itself with one to four family residential units, each will also provide forward loan commitments to developers in order to guarantee a supply of mortgage funds at an affordable loan rate.

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ZPC Approves Laureno Ent. Addition

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: The town's Zoning and Planning Commission (ZPC) Monday approved an application by Mike Laureno of Laureno Enterprises to put an addition onto his builing on Mountain Road, just across from John's Foodtown.

Board members noted that the addition to the main building will not extend to the rear where residential property was recently re-zoned as industrial land.

Several residents opposed this zone change at a public hearing held on February 28th because they feared that Laureno would expand his business too close to the nearby residential property in the town's historic district.

Townspeople complained at that hearing that the town's beauty and character would be ruined with a business in the center of town.

Track News Service Extends Rent Option

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Track News Service Inc. has extended its option to rent the former Consolidated School building for another three months. According to Selectmen Chairman Russell Fox, W. "Buzz" Sawyer, president of the corporation, has given the town an additional \$3,000 to hold the building.

Fox said negotiations for lease of the new wing of the now-vacant building are nearly complete, but the option was extended to allow Sawyer to finalize his operations of the proposed multi-million dollar televi-

Southwick Planners Okay Bike Track

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The Planning Board Thursday unanimously approved the application of Donald Podolski of Westfield to operate a bicycle race track behind his bicycle shop on College Highway.

The board feels that the proposed track is "within the intent of the zoning by-laws." Although the law does not permit race tracks in any zone in town, the board feels that the law was formulated to prevent establishment of pari-mutual tracks or motor vehicle tracks as at Riverside Park.

This type of venture, according to board members, is for recreational purposes, involving children in a family-orientated sport. The board felt this use was compatible with the recreational nature of the town.

The board has set conditions on the track, dealing with dust control, noise level and traffic control. According to the proposal, ample parking will be provided. The owner of the abutting shopping plaza will allow overflow parking, according to planners.

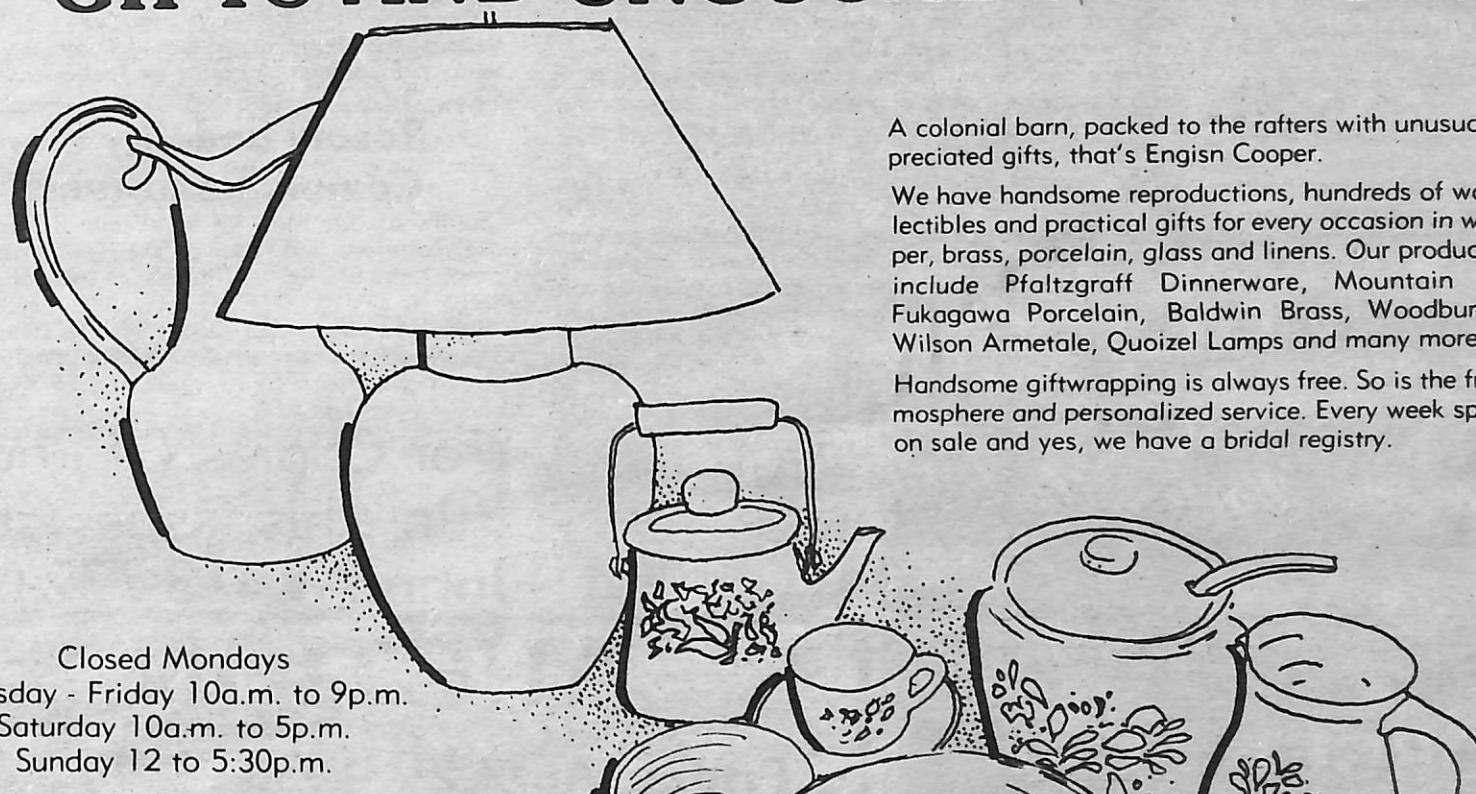
The board also feels that the health and safety of area residents or persons using the roadway will not be harmed by the competitive track.

Podolski, who presently operates a bicycle sales and repair business next to the Sunoco station has proposed to use a portion of the 9-acre tract behind the store for the dirt track. At the hearing, Podolski told residents about 100 riders would participate in weekly races. Podolski said that, with Planning Board approval, he hopes to have the track in operation within a few months.

According to law there is a 20-day appeal period before the decision is valid.

In its annual reorganizational meeting Thursday, the Planning Board selected Theodore Dernago Jr., as chairman and newly elected board member Arthur Redfern as clerk.

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P.W.P. Group Closes April With Activities

Parents Without Partners in the Southwick, Suffield, Agawam and Westfield areas will close out the month of April with a variety of group activities.

Each Wednesday evening a card party is held at the home of Myrt Meunier in Westfield. Each month "rap sessions" are held at members' homes to discuss issues of common concern to single parents.

On Tuesday, April 26th members will focus on the topic of anger - "Should we control it or let it out?"

Family activities this month include a visit to the Plaster Fun House in Agawam on Saturday, April 30th and a trip to an area plant nursery is planned for the same date.

Any single parent interested in finding out more about this international, non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single families is asked to contact vice-president Myrt Meunier at 562-5039 or attend any orientation session each Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. at the Polish-American clubhouse on Route 57 in Feeding Hills.

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Suffield Academy Plans Auction

Suffield: On Friday evening, April 29, Suffield Academy will hold its 8th annual auction of donated items. This traditional event, as in the past, is open to the public and should be an outstanding affair.

Over the course of the past year, Don Mackey of the school staff has been collecting items from friends, parents, and alumni of the school. The academy auction is unique in that the 200 items will come from 200 different locations, thereby guaranteeing great variety and diversity.

This year's event will start at 7 p.m. on Friday and will feature a wide array of furniture ranging from antique to contemporary. Those auction-goers seeking furniture are bound to find bargains galore. Additionally, there will be antique items of every description, Red Sox/Yankees tickets, a St. Croix vacation, a catered yacht cruise for eight, antique jewelry, prints, china, oriental rugs, Waterford crystal, rare coins, a Dyer dinghy, collector plate, a like-new organ, and a new TV are among the interesting array of items donated by the academy parents.

As in the past, Mark Polon of Avon will be the auctioneer. The evening will get underway with a tag sale of lesser valued items starting at 6 p.m.

The academy is located directly on Route 75, the main street of Suffield, and the auction will be held in Peraino Wrestling Room of the Perry Gymnasium complex on the academy's campus. More information is available by calling (203) 668-7315.

Small Business Series Continues At Library

Suffield: Part three of the ongoing series for beginning small business persons will be held at the Kent Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30-9:30 p.m. The topic will be "Cash Flow: The Blood of Industry."

Jay Primack, C.P.A. with Coopers and Lybrand of Springfield will be speaking. This series is being presented by the Connecticut Small Business Development Center and the Kent Memorial Library. The Pre-Venture workshop series is geared to persons just starting or planning to start a small business.

Admission is free but registration is necessary. For information and registration please call 668-2325. Kent Memorial Library is located at 50 North Main St. at Suffield Center.

Council For The Arts To Award Scholarships

Suffield: For the fifth year the Suffield Council for the Arts will award scholarships to outstanding participants in the fields of visual and performing arts. Each winner will receive \$400.

These awards will be given to any graduating high school students (public or private) or older persons who are Suffield residents and who wish to continue their studies in these fields.

Applications may be obtained by calling Mrs. Carroll Akeley, 668-7973 or John Lazich 668-7209. Deadline for receipt of these applications will be May 30, 1983. Auditions will be held on Thursday, June 9th. All applicants will be expected to perform or exhibit their work. A time limit of ten minutes will be established for each participant. Winners will be announced June 13th.

The council urges anyone interested to apply - it is a very informal competition judged by local residents involved in the arts.

Application forms should be mailed to: Mrs. Carroll Akeley, 189 Hill Street, Suffield, CT 06078.

SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Apr. 25: Garden Club, 12:30, First Church of Christ Cong.; Prepared Childbirth Class, 7, Emergency Aid Bldg.; Board of Finance, 7, Town Hall; Fire Drill, 7, Central Firestation; Prayer Meeting, 8, Sacred Heart

Tues., Apr. 26: Women's Club workshop, 10:30, Reservation required. Call 668-5183; AARP, 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church; Rotary Club, 6, Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7, St. Joseph's hall; Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30, Town Hall; Cash Flow: "The Blood of Industry," 7:30, Kent Library

Wed., Apr. 27: Child & Family Services Thrift Shop, 35 Mountain Rd. open Wed. & Thurs., 10:30 and Fri. & Sat., 10 to 1; Republican Town Comm. mtg., 7:30, Town Hall; Recreation Commission, 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Suffield Grange 27, 8, East St. Firestation

Thurs., Apr. 28: Commission heads, 3, Town Hall; Friends of the Library, 7:30, Kent Library; Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's Church hall

Sat., Apr. 30: Child & Family Services dinner party, 6:30, Sun., May 1: Suffield Council of Churches "Walk for Hunger," 1 p.m.

Southwick Grange Sets Meeting For April 26

Southwick: The next regular meeting of Southwick Grange will be held Tuesday, April 26 at the Grange Hall. A supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. with Helen Blake, Cynthia and William Seibert, Viola and Reynold Sefton in charge.

The business meeting will start at 8 p.m. with Frederick Hepburn Master, presiding.

Third and fourth degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates. The third degree consists of a women's degree team with Doris Clark as Master.

The fourth degree will be put on by the regular officers.

Christ Lutheran Church Observes 20th Anniversary

Southwick: The 20th anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church, Southwick, will be observed with special events the weekend of April 23 & 24.

An anniversary dinner will be shared by guests and members of the congregation on Saturday evening. The 20th anniversary quilt, with a square representing each family of the congregation, will be unveiled at that time.

The anniversary worship service will be Sunday at 10 a.m. The Reverend Daniel G. Fiehler, first vice president of the New England District, L.C.M.S., will be the guest speaker. The service will close with the burning of the parsonage mortgage, and will feature special music by the church choir; David Tobin, organist; and Debra Wild, soloist. A coffee and fellowship hour will follow. The public is invited.

Rosary Sodality Plans Communion Brunch

Southwick: On May 1st at 11 a.m. the Lady of the Lake Rosarians will meet at the New Brass Rail for Communion Brunch. All ladies of the parish are invited.

Please purchase your tickets after Masses on April 23rd and 24th, or contact Kathy Fountain 569-6811 or Lola Knight 569-6769. Tickets are \$6.50 which includes tax and gratuity.

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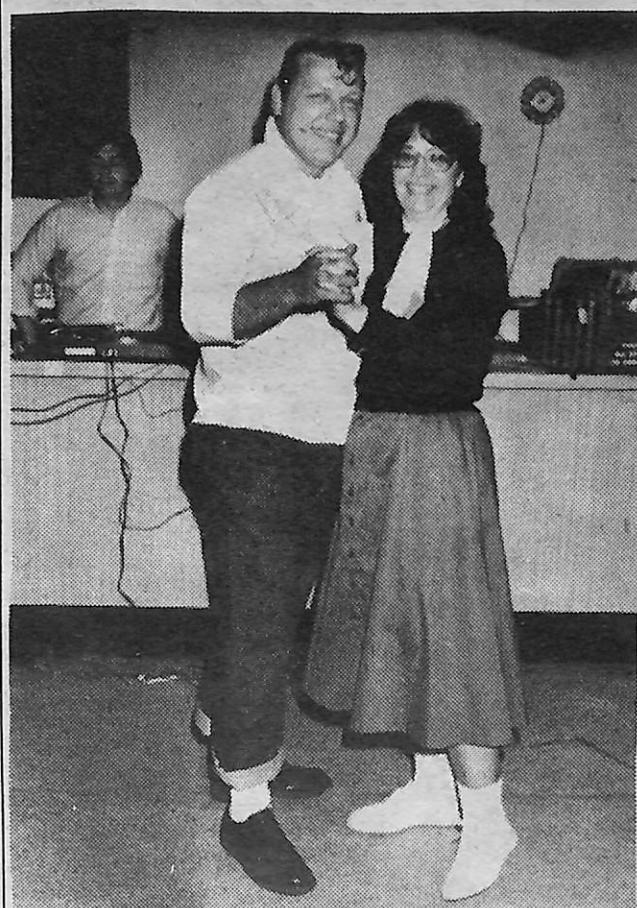
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Ames' Oldies Dance



AT AN OLDIES DANCE held April 16th at the New Brass Rail on Point Grove Road and sponsored by the Southwick Ames Department Store, Ames employees Al Monczka and Bonnie Nadeau do a bit of jitterbugging. With various activities last week, Ames Dept. Store celebrated its 25th anniversary as a chain. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Area Artisan Featured At N. E. Crafts Festival

Southwick: Prominent area artisan, John Milligan of Southwick, who creates beautifully hand-crafted leather goods will be one of the featured exhibitors to join an array of 100 local and national American artisans who will demonstrate and display their wares at the New England Crafts Festival at the Centrum in Worcester, May 6-8.

Each artwork to be shown at the exhibition is hand-crafted in mediums ranging from wood, glass, leather and fiber, to pewter, sculpture, baskets, lamps, quilts - and even boomerangs! Each artisan was individually selected for the show based on the quality and originality of his works, with many exhibitors combining the decorative with the functional.

The New England Crafts Festival will be at the Centrum in Worcester. Hours are Friday, May 6, noon - 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 7 10, a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 8, noon - 6 p.m.

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Godspell Coming To Southwick High

By Cheryl Bruno

Southwick: A touch of Broadway is coming to town over the weekend of May 13-15 when the rock musical Godspell will be presented at the Southwick High School auditorium.

Godspell, which is the gospel according to Matthew depicting the life of Christ just prior to and including His passion and death, will be presented by a small, but impressive hometown cast. They will follow the original theme and idea, but add their own creative adlibs.

The notion to stage this play originated as the brainchild of two dedicated and enthusiastic members of Our Lady of the Lake parish, but soon mushroomed into an ecumenical, almost townwide project.

Talented Production Crew

Of paramount importance to any production is a good director, and this one claims one of the finest. The credentials of Peter Charland would dazzle even the classiest Broadway producer.

A Southwick resident, Charland is an accomplished musician and songwriter as well as a published poet. He has written and published several plays, is a fine photographer, and has directed programs for local television stations and for NBC in New York. By profession, Charland is a psychotherapist.

The producer, Mary Anne Bourgeois, has spent thirty years in the field of education, nine of them as a director of religious education and of local glee clubs.

Marian Jasmin Arnold of Southwick will lend her talents to choreographing this production. She has twenty years of dance experience, five as an instructor, and is pleased to take on Godspell as her first full-scale choreographing effort.

Former Southwick High music teacher and five-year member of the Springfield Symphony Chorus Sarah Baybutt will act as the show's musical director and will also assume the role of Mary Magdalene.

Donna Aitken is the show's costumer; Beth Clelland, the stage manager; and Pat Campagnari, the publicity chairperson.

Godspell's pianist and band have been described as invaluable. Pianist Rosemary Swochak, another Southwick resident, performs with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and as organist for many area churches. The brother-and-sister team of Joanne and Jack Yourous along with Keith Chrysal, Jeff Alamed, and Bob Cochrane will comprise the band.

Young & Enthusiastic Cast

The prestigious role of Jesus has been undertaken by Michael Bartley, a 17-year-old veteran of Powder Mill and Southwick High School plays, musicals, band, and choir.

Playing John the Baptist will be Fred Moore of Southwick, who described the part as a "dream come true." Moore is a member of the Southwick Ecumenical Choir and has directed and appeared in the Shakespearian theatre in Stratford, Connecticut in such productions as *Othello*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *West Side Story*, and *Carousel*.

The mysterious Madame X will be artfully portrayed by Southwick High School freshman Paula Alekson. Paula is no stranger to the stage as she has starred in four Powder Mill School musicals as well as in this year's high school production of *Give My Regards To*



REHEARSING A SCENE FROM THE UPCOMING PRODUCTION Godspell are, from left - Mike Bartley, Jim Woodell, Betsy Deedy and Fred Moore. The play will be at Southwick High School over the weekend of May 13 - 15. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Broadway.

The remainder of the cast is comprised of young Southwick residents Doug Allen, 16, Jim Woodell, 15, Betsy Deedy, 14, Debbi Bertaro, 16, Sherri Carpenter and Matt Grainger, both 19.

This youthful cast possesses an abundance of talent and energy which will thrill the audience and make this production one not soon to be forgotten. For those who sit in on rehearsals, a magnetic energy seems to draw one up into the cast's exuberance. The foot-tapping, hand-clapping, and singing literally encompasses everyone present.

The group's rapport among themselves, their hard work, and their dedication shine through in their performances. Solid friendships have been bonded, and the cast has become one large, happy, crazy family. With expressions such as "fulfilling our dreams" and "offering a great opportunity for experience," cast members radiate pleasure in their participation in this endeavor.

Need Community Support

"This has been a rich and fulfilling experience for the entire cast and directors," explains Mrs. Campagnari, adding, "but it is also a very large undertaking and the expenses are tremendous."

She continues, "All of these people have dedicated many hours throughout the past four months to bring a quality musical production to our community, and they could use a little financial aid, moral support, and muscle to complete their endeavor."

Donations of money, time, and talent will be gratefully accepted. To offer assistance, call 569-6309 or 569-5028.

This off-off Broadway production will offer no disappointments for theatre buffs. It will be presented on May 13th, 14th, and 15th. The Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday show will be at 2 p.m.

Ticket donations will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and students, and free for children under 8. As a special community service, only \$1.50 will be charged to senior citizens at the Sunday matinee.



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Ebb's Corner Rich In Local History; Caters To Residents

By Pat Barnes

Suffield: Although Ebb's Corner, located at the intersection of Mountain and Babb's Roads in West Suffield, inherited its name from a rather disreputable character, the stores and businesses located there today are reputably catering to the needs of area residents.

In the mid-1800's, Ebenezer Smith lived in a shack on a piece of land near the intersection. He was considered an undesirable element, and it is said that another resident of the area, Richard Johnson, promised that anyone who burned down old Ebenezer's shack would find a gold piece under his plate. The structure did, in fact, burn down although it is not known if anyone ever collected the bounty.

What is known, however, is that despite his unfavorable reputation, the man left his name on the piece of property which has since been known as Ebb's Corner. Now a West Suffield landmark, Ebb's Corner today houses a small grouping of stores and businesses which have been serving residents of Suffield and Southwick for many years.

Following Ebenezer's ownership, the property was undeveloped for decades, although a small picnic and rest area was put there for weary travelers and those going to and from Babb's Beach.

Later the corner was the site of a small general store. Built in 1954 by Lewis Boccasile, who then owned the property, the structure was situated diagonally on the lot and remained there until 1966. At that time, the store was converted into a home and moved to its present location further west on Mountain Road. In the same year, the present brick structure was erected.

Still In Boccasile Family

Ebb's Corner still remains the property of the Boccasile family. Son Guy owns and operates Guy's Motor Sales, a business he began in 1972. Located on the Mountain Road side of Ebb's Corner, the business focuses mainly on auto-body work, although Guy wholesales cars as well.

Next to Guy's, the Country Package Store is situated at the beginning of the grouping of stores and businesses running north on Babb's Road. The package store, which offers a variety of liquors, beer, and wine, is operated by Lib Boccasile and her son-in-law, Ted Mavis.

Ebb's Corner Market, adjacent to the package store, is the direct descendent of the original general store and still serves the everyday needs of local residents.

Although it once catered largely to a transient population of summer cottage owners and seasonal tobacco workers, the market now has a more stable clientele.



A LOOK AT THE SHOPS AT EBB'S CORNER IN WEST SUFFIELD, located at the intersection of Mountain and Babb's Roads. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Increased home building in the area has brought additional business to the market.

Ann's Pizza Is Newest To Block

The newest tenant on the block is Ann's Pizza, which opened in December of 1982. Its proprietors, Ann and Charlie Antenelos, brought 17 years of experience to their new establishment. They previously had locations in Enfield and Somers.

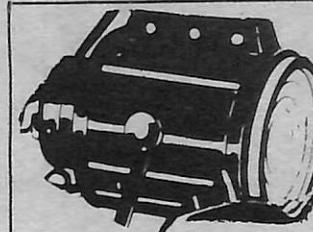
The restaurant offers Italian specialties - pizza, spaghetti, ravioli, manicotti and lasagna - as well as a dozen grinder selections.

Charlie's Greek heritage is reflected in the addition of a sampling of Greek dishes on the menu. Moussaka is offered as is "gyros," a Greek sandwich consisting of a savory lamb and beef combination topped with tomatoes, onions, and an authentic Greek sour cream sauce. It is served on thick pita bread.

The Antoneloses report that business has been good since their winter opening, and both feel that the coming of warm weather and their anticipated liquor license will result in even more success.

The northernmost tenant at Ebb's Corner is the First National Bank of Suffield. According to manager Phyllis Colson, the bank draws customers from both Suffield and Southwick. Banking hours at this branch include Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, times which provide a much needed convenience for busy customers.

Living a number of miles from major shopping areas, residents of West Suffield and parts of Southwick have found Ebb's Corner a convenient place to buy a loaf of bread, cash a check, pick up a six-pack of beer, or enjoy a delicious pizza. They frequently meet friends or neighbors on similar errands there and thus can catch up on neighborhood news as well.



SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENU

Mon., Apr. 25: Turkey stew, pickled beets, Parkerhouse roll, fresh orange, milk

Tues., Apr. 26: Beef & cheese lasagna, broccoli, carrot-raisin salad, rye bread, mixed fruit, milk

Wed., Apr. 27: Baked chicken w/stuffing, peas, cranberry sauce, wheat bread, applesauce cake w/raisins, milk

Thurs., Apr. 28: Yankee pot roast of beef, whipped potato, whole baby carrots, pumpernickel bread, sliced peaches, milk

Fri., Apr. 29: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, pineapple cabbage salad, wheat bread, cherry cream pie squares, milk

SUFFIELD AARP MEETING

Chapter 1683 of the AARP will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, April 26th, at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church Hall. The Windsor Locks senior citizens' singing group, the Choraleers, will entertain. Refreshments will be served.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Jump Rope For Heart At Powder Mill School

On Saturday, April 30th, at 10 a.m., Powder Mill School in Southwick will be sponsoring a Jump Rope For Heart Day. This is a national physical fitness project designed to promote the healthy benefits of rope-jumping in addition to raising funds for the American Heart Association. Over 1,000,000 young people have participated nationally.

The event will be held in the school parking lot on Feeding Hills Road. Activity coordinator will be Lynne Decosmo, physical education teacher at Powder Mill.

The 100-plus student, teacher, and parent jumpers are now collecting pledge money for the 180 minutes that the entire team will be jumping. Prizes such as jumpropes, baseball caps, gym bags, watches, and warm-up suits will be given by the A.H.A. to those collecting specified amounts of pledge money.

Each team of six jumpers is also picking a team name and will be designing a team sign. There will be a team sign contest going on during the "Jump." First prize for the sign contest, provided by Babb's Roller Skating Rink in Suffield, is for six free passes to the rink.

Oranges are being provided by Jones' Market on College Highway.

PACE Slates Meeting

Southwick: PACE, the parent group at Powder Mill School, will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26th, at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

The program will feature a presentation of Toughlove, a technique designed to help parents who are troubled by teenage behavior. Speakers will be Gail Fitzgerald and Reggie LaFreniere.

The group will also hold a bake sale with proceeds to benefit future programs.

Final Immunization Clinic Set

Southwick: The final immunization clinic will be held on April 27th at 8:30 a.m. at Woodland School. All vaccines required for school attendance will be available.

SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

POWDER MILL SCHOOL

Mon., Apr. 25: Frankfurt on roll, potato rounds, baked beans, chilled fruit, milk
Tues., Apr. 26: Cranapple juice, coldcut grinder, vegetable sticks, cherry jello, milk
Wed., Apr. 27: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, shredded cheese, French bread, tossed green salad, cake
Thurs., Apr. 28: Oven baked sausage patty, brown gravy, whipped potato, buttered corn, applesauce, bread & peanut butter, fruited vanilla whip, milk
Fri., Apr. 29: Pepperoni-cheese pizza, Popeye salad, fresh fruit, milk

WOODLAND SCHOOL

Monday: Same as Powder Mill
Tuesday: Cranapple juice, bologna-cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, strawberry jello, milk

Wednesday: Same as Powder Mill

Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter-marshmallow sandwich, cheese fingers, vegetable sticks, fruited vanilla whip, milk

Friday: Same as Powder Mill



LOCAL OFFICIALS HONORING SOUTHWICK HIGH FROSH MARK TYPROWICZ for his life-saving rescue of a two-year old toddler were, from left - Police Chief Charles Wolfe, Safety Officer Robert Laughlin, Tyrowicz, Fireman Jim Malony, and Fire Chief Clyde Jones.

Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Mark Tyrowicz Honored As Local "Hero"

By Cheryl Bruno

Southwick: Friday, April 15th, was a very special day at Southwick High School. At an assembly held before the entire student body along with many guests, Principal Alexander Prew declared "Mark Tyrowicz Day" in honor of the local freshman's heroic, life-saving deed performed on March 16th.

Mark Cecchini, the two-year-old toddler whom the high school student saved from drowning, was carried onto the stage by Tyrowicz as his parents, sisters, and grandparents looked on.

Police patrolman Robert Laughlin and firefighter Jim Maloney presented plaques and commendations from their respective departments and both acknowledged Mark as a "fine young man." At one point during Laughlin's speech, the toddler yelled "Yay" and began to clap, which brought cheers and laughter from the audience.

Extremely proud family members could be seen beaming from ear to ear as the young hero accepted the awards and thanked both associations, adding,

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"I'm just very glad things turned out the way they did."

Representatives from area newspapers, Channel 40 television news, the School Committee and administration, community leaders, friends, and neighbors cheered as the two Marks left the stage together.

Though Principal Prew closed the assembly with words of praise for Mark and a reminder that the special day did not include "time off" privileges - a statement to which the students cheerfully booted - all seemed genuinely pleased that their friend and classmate had been honored in such a very special way.

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One more special event was included in the assembly held on April 15th. Jackets, patches, and trophies which had been purchased by the B.O.S.S. organization were presented to members of the track team and to the Western Massachusetts champion girls' field hockey team. Mrs. Gail Descant and a teary-eyed Mrs. Ginny Tyrowicz represented the organization in the presentations.

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AT THE PACE-SPONSORED program on drugs and alcohol abuse held for parents, teachers, and school administrators are (left to right) Sandi Pepe, Gail Galetta, Claire Kotowick, Ruthann Lobo, and Joann Maruzik. Showing slides is Jim Peters, health educator for Lifeways, a regional health promotion resource center. Photo by John Loftus.

PACE Continues Drug, Alcohol Program

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: Over a recent six-week period, parents and community members attended a drug and alcohol abuse program sponsored by PACE, Powder Mill School's parent group. This series of programs was arranged to help all who are interested in better understanding individual and community needs regarding drug problems.

To this end, Jim Peters from Lifeways offered the course he has presented to several area communities where residents were interested in forming their own specialized programs.

The course is divided into six segments. The first is an introduction and overview of drugs and alcohol that presents many reasons why children get involved with such substances. The second segment explains the terminology and attitudes which accompany the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol.

The third session offers drug and alcohol information which concentrates on specific problems such as drunk driving. The fourth covers family issues such as communication and parenting.

The fifth segment focuses on prevention and strategy and features a film entitled "The Mountain" in which an entire community bands together to solve problems of conquering a mountain which had been an obstacle to many individuals. The film demonstrates an excellent way to deal with drug-related problems.

The final session assists with the organization of a drug program that will be functional within Southwick.

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Those who attended the meetings comprised a small, but committed group. Peters told his audience that the size of the group did not really matter; what was more important was how much they could accomplish. He reminded the local residents that the group known as MADD (Mothers Against Drunk

Drivers) started with one mother and mushroomed in only two short years.

Those who participated in the educational process came for many reasons. Some wanted to become more informed about drugs and their effects. Many felt they might have to handle similar problems at some time in their future, and some wanted to know the proper attitudes to assume when such problems do occur.

Mrs. Ruth Lobo, a parent, teacher, and member of PACE, described the program as an excellent foundation to drug-related problems. She noted that for her personally, it provided much information that she will use in conjunction with her recently acquired degree in clinical psychology.

One of the most important areas of information offered, she felt, was provision of several appropriate agencies to which parents in need can turn for help. She also found useful hints on how to recognize such problems when they occur.

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This series of programs received monetary support from many local organizations. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Louis Josselyn very much favored the program and accorded it his full support. Joanne Mrazik, who serves as chairperson of the PACE Program Committee, also strongly supported the series and felt much could be accomplished by the dedicated individuals who attended.

Another meeting has been scheduled in two weeks. Tentative plans call for a peer education group as well as a parent support group. Peters will stay on for the next four meetings to offer his support and guidance.

Anyone interested in more details or in becoming a part of these groups is urged to contact Mrs. Mrazik at 569-3557.

Westfield High School Plans 25th Reunion

The class of 1958 of Westfield High School, one of the last graduating classes to include residents of Southwick and Granville, is planning its 25th reunion for the weekend of October 7-9, 1983. Tentative plans include attending the Saturday afternoon Westfield High School football game, a dinner-dance Saturday evening, and a brunch on Sunday morning. For further information or to update the addresses of class members from Southwick and Granville, contact Connie Kellogg, 377 Loomis St., Southwick, MA 01077.

SUFFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Mon., Apr. 25: Pork & gravy, mashed potato, whole wheat bread, applesauce sundae, milk
Tues., Apr. 26: Chicken patty, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fruit bar, milk
Wed., Apr. 27: Garden vegetable soup, egg salad or peanut butter sandwich, lettuce & spinach salad, Black Forest pudding, milk
Thurs., Apr. 28: Frankfurt in roll, cheese potatoes, banana, milk
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GRADE 6

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College Acceptances

From Stu Fuller - Suffield Guidance Dept.

Congratulations go to Melissa Wentworth who was accepted to Plymouth State College.

Congratulations to Jeff Brackett, who received notice of acceptance to three schools, all on the same

Tanguays To Enjoy Retirement Together

By Lisa Pawelcik

Suffield: A change of hands will occur in the Suffield public schools' music department this year as Mrs. Barbara Tanguay parallels her career plans with those of her husband and retires after twenty years of teaching vocal music.

Mrs. Tanguay's musical career began with her graduation from Hartt School of Music in Hartford where she served as vice-president of the senior class. After teaching in that city for a year, she entered Suffield's school system, where she and her husband Ray assumed responsibility for music education for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

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Mrs. Tanguay notes that many changes have occurred since her early teaching days. In today's music education system, she explains, "Students are offered the opportunity to use instruments under the Orff system. Children also listen to a lot of music and create their own as well. In the realm of music, there is something for every child to enjoy."

One of the highlights of her teaching career, according to Mrs. Tanguay, was last year's Christmas concert which included costumes and scenery. This program was a combined effort of fifth graders and high school students, a presentation she views as a "delightful combination of ages."

Besides teaching vocal music, Mrs. Tanguay has served on the board of the Suffield Arts Council for eight years and has coordinated the Visiting Artists Program. The council sponsors this enrichment program, which is funded through donations from townspeople and civic groups.

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Through her teaching and obvious love of music education, Mrs. Tanguay has been an inspiration to many students who have gone on to explore for themselves the numerous career options available in the field of music.

In fact, the Tanguays have two children of their own who have benefitted from her dedication and guidance. Their daughter Celeste, a flutist, is now a music therapist, and their son Lee plays the trumpet.

Mrs. Tanguay responds enthusiastically when asked about her vocational choice: "I have been thoroughly pleased with my career choice and with working with students, especially fifth graders. If I had to do it over again, I wouldn't change a thing."

day. Jeff was granted admission to Villanova, Rutgers, and the University of Connecticut.

Congrats also to Sue Beresford, who was accepted at, and has decided to attend, Bay Path Junior College.

Congratulations to the latest list of college acceptances: Sue Beresford, to Johnson & Wales; Rose Cicero, to RPI; Mark Burton, to Union; John Cervione, to Providence; MaryJo Cranmore, to Providence; Scott Fuller, to Central; Debbie Lownds, to Plymouth State; Bill Nadeau, to U.Vermont and UConn; Stephanie Melillo, to Messiah College; and Debra Wild, to Bucknell



BARBARA & RAY TANGUAY, educators in the Suffield schools' music department, will be retiring from their posts at the end of the current academic year.

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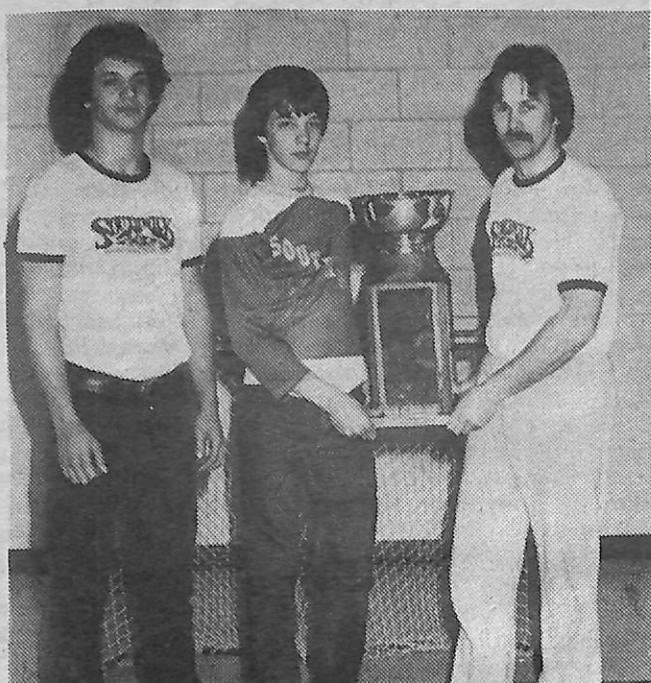
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SPORTS/RECREATION

Sabres Big Winners In Rec. Center Cup



MEMBERS OF THE SABRES who are the winners of the Southwick Recreation Center's Indoor Floor Hockey League, are, back row, from left - Sean Lydiard, Heath Durocher, Paul Laquerre, Coach Don McClellan, Dale Krotchvil, and Tony Talbot. Front row - Justin Banes, Gerry Robillard, Justin Morin, David Spafford, and Bob Billodeau. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



HOLDING THE PRESTIGIOUS SOUTHWICK REC. CUP, symbolizing the champion of the Rec. Center's Indoor Floor Hockey Champion, are, from left - Don McClellan (coach), Paul Laquerre, and league official Mark Rankin. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Tracksters Bump Holyoke Cath.

By Bob Hrycay

The Southwick High boys' track and field team upped their Division B mark to 2-0 by outlasting old nemesis Holyoke Catholic, 83-62 at cold and drizzling MacKenzie Field in Holyoke this past Thursday.

Dick Atkinson's crew had not defeated the Gaels in recent memory and the victory was extra sweet for the Rams cross-country veterans who saw their hopes of a Western Mass. title dashed last fall by the Paper City crew.

Strong performances by Andy Kilgore, Dave DeRay and Evan Anderson in the running events, and by John Reed, Darren Birchall, Ken Moore, and Brian Phillips in the weight events helped the locals maintain a slight advantage throughout the meet.

However, junior Ron Bates came through in the clutch to salt the victory, holding on to third place in the two mile with a clocking of 11:50. Teammate Mike Nelson took second at 10:59. Atkinson remarked, "If Rob didn't hold on, it might have been tough for us to win the last two events."

Earning high praise as well from the veteran coach was Kilgore, a sophomore, who ran his first 220. He broke the tape in 25.7.

In the 880, DeRay used a strong finishing kick to grab the victory at 2:14. Ron Ward was third at 2:24.

Anderson ran his usual "jump ahead and leave-em" in the mile, easily outdistancing his Gael rivals with a 4:40 clocking.

Rams' relay foursomes also had good success. Taking honors in the 440 were Matt Crick, Tim Connors, Steve Deroches, and Brian Phillips. Later, in the mile relay, Ward, Brett Matossian, DeRay and Anderson captured first in 3:54.

Taking second place honors for the Rams in the running events were Matossian's 58.0 in the 440, Eric Camissa's 12.3 in the 100 yard dash, Mike Tischy's and More's 48.5 in the 330 low hurdles.

Meanwhile, in the field events. Reed, More, and Eric Leavitt got the Rams off to a good start by sweeping the shotput. Reed's heave of 37-3 was followed by More's 37-1, and Leavitt's 35-9.

A little later More aced the discus event with a toss of 126-7, outdistancing his closest Gael rival by 34 feet.

Grabbing other top honors for the Rams were Phillips' 35-11 in the triple jump, and junior newcomer Birchall's victory in the pole vault at 8-0.

The upstart Rams sport a 2-1 overall record and Atkinson anticipates relatively easy times at home against Ludlow on Monday and Palmer on Thursday.

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Southwick Golf Starts "In The Rough"

By Bob Hrycay

The Southwick High varsity golf team saw their fortunes kick into the rough in early season independent meetings with Ludlow, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow, but hope for greener pastures when they open their Division D campaign against Hampshire Regional at the Edgewood Golf Course Monday afternoon.

"We're going to win a few," says nine year Coach Dave MacIver, who believes his Rams linksters are capable of finishing at .500 in the league loop.

Composing MacIver's top six are three juniors, two sophomores, and one senior.

Returning juniors Brian Smith and Eric Schultz are the Rams' number one and two men. Smith shows a great deal of promise, says MacIver. He strutted his stuff with a fine second place showing in last summer's Springfield Daily News Golf Tourney. Schultz is another up and coming youngster capable of shooting in the low 80's, the coach says.

Holding down the number three spot is senior Stu Arnold, a newcomer to the squad whose elbow injury suffered during the basketball season prevented him from returning to the baseball team. MacIver is counting on his savvy and high competitive spirit to lift the team.

The Rams are looking for much improvement from their seven players who are jousting for the three remaining starting berths.

Mike Allen and Bill Alaimo are a pair of veteran sophomores with much match experience holding down the fourth and fifth spots. Rookie junior Steve DesCap is currently number six. Rounding out the cast are Ron Bombard, Doug Pepe, Ken Cooley, and Tom O'Dell.

After facing 'Hamp, the Rams will be home Wednesday to take on Hopkins Academy, then will carry their clubs on the road to Easthampton on Thursday.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Free Boat Inspections

Southwick: The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Westfield Flotilla 1-906 will hold a free Courtesy Motorboat Examination on Saturday, April 30, 1983 at the Ames parking lot on the College Highway (Routes 10 & 202) in Southwick, Mass., between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Upon completion of the examination, boats that comply with the State of Massachusetts and the U.S. Coast Guard requirements, will be issued a CME decal.

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Backlund In Suffield!



THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION will be knocking out Suffield on April 27th in the Suffield High School gym beginning at 8 p.m. This will be a benefit card for the SHS class of 1983 and SHS Student Council. Pictured above is WWF champion Bob Backlund who will be defending his title against Ray "The Crippler" Stevens. Sensational Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka will also be on the card. Tickets are \$7 for ringside and \$5 for bleachers. Tickets can be picked up in Suffield at the high school and at Mark Drug.

Wildcats' Baseball Bow In Opener, 9-3

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield: Things started off rather shakily for the boys baseball team in Suffield as they lost to East Windsor 9-3 on April 15th.

Losing 3-0 after the first, Suffield came back in the top of the second as senior shortstop Rick Lindau and sophomore third baseman Jeff Alers each knocked in runs to tie it up.

However, Suffield pitcher Jim Danise was unable to hold the Panther bats as Tom Malone rapped a single while Todd and Mike Mercier followed each with an RBI. Danise received help from Wayne Lancione who came in after the 4th inning.

East Windsor's Todd Schweitzer came off the mound in the sixth with a win under his belt while Robbie Phillips came in to finish off the job.

Mike Mercier ended up with two hits and two RBIs as

Rainy Weather Hurts Suffield Softball

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield: The unseasonably cold and rainy weather does a lot more than dampen the playing surface as far as Suffield softball coach Pat Uricchio is concerned.

Uricchio feels that the cold weather is hindering his pitching staff. However his hitting has been "super" and the coach says that "he has nothing to holler about."

In their game against Hartford Public on April 14th, Suffield had a big game as they pummeled their opponents 19-5.

Uricchio gives his girls a hand as they hung in there after falling behind in the first inning when Hartford scored all their runs.

Paula Mark pitched her way out of a tight spot with the bases loaded and the bats took it from there.

Kathy Kavanagh doubled and brought two runners across the plate as did Cory Caiazzo. Amy Leach and Missy Ives also doubled but brought in no runs.

Uricchio comments that there was good relief pitching with Marek and Michele Dion and good defense which has been a problem in the team's history.

Clarice Powers tripled bringing in two runs for the losing Hartford Public team.

On April 15th Suffield came up against a tough East Windsor team which proved to be a little too powerful for the Wildcats. Marge DeMarino led the Panther attack, smacking three of her team's hits and scoring four runs as her team overcame Suffield 18-8.

Suffield was stopped at 14 hits with three from both Beth Glime and Anne Sangiovanni. Kavanagh and Marek had two apiece.

Uricchio isn't complaining about his team. His hitting is there with Kavanagh performing well with a hit in every game, while the team prides itself on its 33 hits in 3 games. "The pitching is coming," says Uricchio, "but the cold weather is hurting us." He feels that his team is just "a smidge away" from being 100% and that it all depends on "knitting things together."

With their record at 1-2, Suffield faces Ellington on April 26th hoping that warm weather shows its face soon.

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Suffield Golf Team Rolling Through Links In Early Season

By Mary Beth Prew

Suffield: Mr. Gregor's men are out at St. Anne's Golf Course in Feeding Hills driving other teams into the sand traps. The undefeated Suffield High Golf Club has stroked ahead of the Enrico Fermi team, the Farmington club, and most recently the Enfield group on April 18.

This Enfield match resulted in a Suffield triumph of 13-0.

Wildcat Russell Fricke was the "medalist" of the tournament, which indicates that Fricke's score was the lowest of anyone else's on the team. Captain Russell Fricke took all three game points from his opponent and finished the last hole with a 77.

Suffield teammate Jeff Brackett excitedly walked back to the clubhouse with an 83, capturing all three of his game points, also.

Likewise, Wildcat Kurt Knoefel claimed three scores for shooting an 87 against his Enfield man.

Ted Lyon also shot an 87 to collect three more for the Suffield cause.

John Kingman played a skillful alternate slot, putting an 86, while Craig Fricke made his way around the golf course in 96 hits.

The aggregate point for this match, meaning the point given to the team with the lowest overall score, was presented to the Suffield group for finishing with 334.

At an earlier competition against Farmington, the Wildcats swung to a 13-0 victory.

The "medalist" for this tournament was Russell Fricke, who drove with a final tally of 76. Suffield also took the aggregate in this match at 333.

Earlier in that week the Wildcats met up against the Enrico Fermi Club. This game marked opening day for the Cats, and Suffield conquered 10-3.

Jeff Brackett was the "medalist" of the game for shooting a 79. Moreover, Suffield was honored with the aggregate.

The Wildcat drivers stand 3-0, certainly showing an aggressive start to their season. Coach Gregor gloats as he proclaims "They're FANTASTIC!"

The club's next outing will take place at Ellington Ridge against the Ellington team on April 25. Suffield's swing is right on course.

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TRACK SIDE

By Julie Ferioli

To the disappointment of many racing fans, Mother Nature appeared to be somewhat uncooperative this weekend. Due to the large amount of rain which fell during the entire day Saturday, the grand opening race at Riverside Park Speedway had to be cancelled. Fortunately, however, the rain had subsided by Sunday afternoon, allowing the running of the 12th Annual Spring Sizzler at Stafford Motor Speedway, a race which has been described as "the richest event in the history of spring."

During the time trials, the National Modified Champion Richie Evans set a new track record of 19.33 seconds, yet Evans was later disqualified for running an illegal carburetor. The second-place finisher, Jim Spencer, was also disqualified for the same reason. This gave the honor of the top qualifying position to Agawam's John Rosati.

The first major event of the afternoon was the National Parts Peddler Non-Qualifiers' Race, which was won by Spencer. Finishing second was Dan Avery, with S.J. Evans placing third.

Originally, Spencer was not scheduled to run in the Non-Qualifiers' Race, for earlier in the heats, he had achieved a qualifying position. However, he was again disqualified because of his illegal carburetor, allowing Evans to race in the feature event. Yet because of the fact that the top two finishers in the Non-Qualifiers' Race would be permitted to race in the feature, Spencer did manage to enter the feature after all.

In feature action, it was the 1982 track champion Greg Sacks to take down the win. Sacks also became the first driver ever to win the Sizzler after making a pit stop. While in the lead on lap 53, he had pitted to change all four of his tires, meaning he would have to rejoin the race at the end of the field. To no one's surprise, Sacks had regained his lead by lap 74.

Finishing second in the event was Reggie Ruggiero. Brett Bodine came in third place, and Brian Ross and Ken Bouchard rounded out the top five.

There were several caution flags throughout the race, the first of which came on the starting lap when George Summers spun out and caused several cars to hit the barrier on turn 4. The next major accident came on lap 11. George Kent came in contact with the concrete wall in the first turn area, while Carl Pasteryak also spun close by, taking Corky Cookman and Charlie Jarzombek with him. Although there was some damage done to all cars involved, the drivers all remained in good condition. The last caution period was on lap 75, during which Rick Donnelly had spun into the infield and out across turns 1 and 2.

An interesting part of the event was the presentation of special individual awards. The honor of having the most professional looking crew and car went to Dan Avery, who was also voted to have turned in the most impressive performance of the day. Corky Cookman won the press award for the most beautiful car, and once again, Jim Spencer was considered to be the most exciting driver.

The grand marshall of this year's Sizzler was young 14-year-old John Ryerson, a member of the Special Olympics. It was he who gave the traditional "Gentlemen, start your engines" command, and he also made a public announcement concerning his father which touched everyone's heart.

Sportsman's Corner - By Bill Chiba

More than the majority of fishermen I have talked to would like the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to initiate an opening day for trout fishing. Marine owners, who were asked a few years ago and said that it didn't make any difference to them whether there was an opening day or not, have changed their minds and would like a return to the opening day concept. How about you? Take time to make your views known to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The opening of Quabbin and the instituting of the 6 fish creel limit is regarded by many fishermen as opening day for trout fishing in Massachusetts. Quabbin's opening has rekindled the spark and enthusiasm long

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife have completed stocking the spring allotment of trout statewide. This includes streams and ponds.

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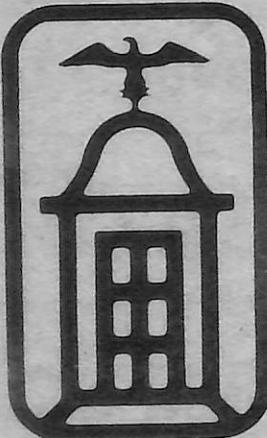
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